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SUBJ: WINE: PROPOSED REGULATIONS AND US TARIFF TREATMENT

REF: A. STATE 40284; B. STATE 67422

1. EMBASSY INFORMED GOA AND NATIONAL WINE INSTITUTE OFFICIALS OF US INTENTION TO AMEND INGREDIENT LABELLING REGULATIONS FOR WINE AND PROVIDED COPY OF DRAFT REGULATIONS. ALSO ADVISED THEM THAT REVISION METRIC STANDARDS OF FILL BEING CONSIDERED. WINE INSTITUTE OFFICIALS SURPRISED AT DETAILED LISTING OF INGREDIENTS REQUIRED BY DRAFT REGULATIONS. HAD NO SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE REVISION METRIC STANDARDS OF FILL BUT ASKED TO BE KEPT INFORMED IF AND WHEN PROPOSAL REACHES DRAFT REGULATION STAGE.

2. ARGENTINE OFFICIALS MORE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING WHAT THEY SEE AS ANOMALY IN US TARIFFS ON WINE WHEREBY DUTY RATE ON BULK WINE TWICE THAT FOR BOTTLED WINE. STATED THAT LARGELY BECAUSE OF HIGH FREIGHT COSTS BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND US, PRICES OF ARGENTINE BOTTLED WINES IN US MARKETS RELATIVELY HIGH. BELIEVED THERE WOULD BE MARKET IN US FOR ARGENTINE BULK WINE FOR BLENDING WITH US WINE. WHILE FREIGHT COSTS FOR BULK SHIPMENTS FAR LESS, IN PART BECAUSE ARGENTINE BULK CARRIERS COULD BE USED, HIGHER DUTY RATE MORE THAN OFFSETS THIS SAVING,
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AND IN THEIR OPINION, PREVENTS SUCH SALES. THEY INDICATED ARGENTINA

MAY BE CONSIDERING RAISING QUESTION OF US DUTY ON BULK WINE
IN CONNECTION WITH MTN.

3. ARGENTINA A MAJOR PRODUCER OF WINE BUT EXPORTS TRADITIONALLY
VERY SMALL. STRONG INTEREST NOW EXISTS IN FINDING EXPORT MARKETS
DUE TO HIGHER PRODUCTION AND DECLINING LOCAL CONSUMPTION.
BULK EXPORTS OFFER EASIER MEANS OF DISPOSING OF EXPECTED SURPLUS.
(DATA ON GRAPE PRODUCTION CONTAINED USDA/FAS AR-4007 AND 4011).

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